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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH ABDUL WALI

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1. BECAUSE HE IS A POTENTIAL LEADER OF AFGHANISTAN, IT WOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE USEFUL IF ABDUL WALI, NOW LIVING IN ROME, COULD BE REMINDED THAT HE HAS AMERICAN FRIENDS. SPECIFICALLY WE RECOMMEND THAT A FEW OLD AMERICAN FRIENDS BE CONTACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND BE ENCOURAGED TO WRITE ABDUL WALI EXPRESSING THEIR PLEASURE AT HIS RELEASE FROM ARREST, WISHING HIM WELL, ETC.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE CONTACTS WITH ABDUL WALI SHOULD BE WITH AMERICANS NOW ACTIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY BECAUSE SUCH CONTACTS MIGHT RAISE QUESTIONS WITHIN THE DAOUD REGIME AS TO OUR MOTIVATIONS.

3. USING THESE CRITERIA EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT SOUND OUT FOLLOWING PERSONS REGARDING THEIR WILLINGNESS TO RESTORE SOME KIND OF TOUCH WITH ABDUL WALI:

A. FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEA JOSEPH C. SATTERTHWAITE (MRS. SATTERTHWAITE IS ALSO A SECRET

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PERSONAL FRIEND OF PRINCESS BILQUIS, ABDUL WALI'S

WIFE), NOW LIVING IN WASHINGTON.

B. FORMER DEFENSE ATTACHE IN KABUL COLONEL
FRANK T. HURAY, NOW ASSIGNED OFFICE, CHIEF OF
INFORMATION, DEPT OF ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

C. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN JOHN M.
STEEVES, NOW LIVING IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.

D. FORMER DEFENSE ATTACHE IN KABUL RICHARD
R. MCTAGGART, CURRENTLY DEFENSE ATTACHE IN
GUATEMALA.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT THESE PERSONS ADDRESS THEIR LETTERS
TO ABDUL WALI THROUGH THE AFGHAN EMBASSY IN ROME.

5. SUGGEST THAT ANY APPROACH TO HURAY OR MCTAGGART
BE COORDINATED WITH DOD/DIA/DIR-2C3.

6. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO LEARN RESULTS OF
DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE IN-
FORMED CONCERNING ANY REPLIES RECEIVED FROM ADBUL
WALI BY THESE PERSONS WRITING HIM.
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